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Magalie Salas, Secretary
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Re: Ex Parte Presentation in CC Docket No. 01-331

Dear Ms. Salas:

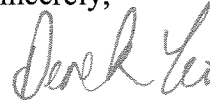
Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc. ("Iowa Telecom") hereby files this notice of ex parte meeting. On December 18, Mike Anderson, Vice President – External Affairs of Iowa Telecom, Greg Vogt and I met with Dorothy Atwood, Jane Jackson, Jack Zinman, and Aaron Goldschmidt of the Commission's Common Carrier Bureau to discuss Iowa Telecom's Petition for Forbearance in the above-captioned proceeding. In accordance with the Commission's rules, Iowa Telecom is filing this ex parte notice electronically and requests that a copy be placed in the public file in this proceeding.

During the presentation, Iowa Telecom provided a brief overview of the company's background and its Petition for Forbearance. Iowa Telecom is the nation's smallest price cap carrier with approximately 280,000 lines in 296 exchanges scattered across rural Iowa. Iowa Telecom indicated that the existing target rate for average traffic sensitive access charges currently precludes the company from making the investments in infrastructure that are necessary to bring improved quality voice and data services, including broadband services, to its customers in rural Iowa. In particular, Iowa Telecom noted that the Commission's CALLS Order did not provide the company with a meaningful opportunity to make a reasonable election decision between accepting the CALLS plan or setting interstate access rates at forward-looking cost levels. Iowa Telecom did not begin operations until July 1, 2000, only a short time before the CALLS election deadline. Iowa Telecom meets all three prongs of Section 10's forbearance test. Accordingly, Iowa Telecom urged the Commission to grant its Petition for Forbearance.

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If you have any questions regarding this request, please call the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Derek Yeo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Derek" and last name "Yeo" clearly distinguishable.

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